GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

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ELECTORAL REFORMS
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to bring about certain reforms in the electoral system;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these reforms are likely to be introduced?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY)

(a) and (b): Yes Sir. The Government is committed to continuing the process of reform of electoral laws. In this connection, the Government is seized of the issue of State Funding of Elections, which is one of the items of the Common Minimum Programme of the United Progressive Alliance, and the set of 22 proposals on electoral reforms received from the Election Commission of India, the details of which have been made available for general information of the public by the Commission`s Press Note No.ECI/PN/26/2004 dated 2.8.2004.

(c): The process of reform of electoral laws is, however, a continuous and ongoing process and can be carried out only through consensus among political parties, which is a time consuming process. No time frame, therefore, can be indicated in this regard.